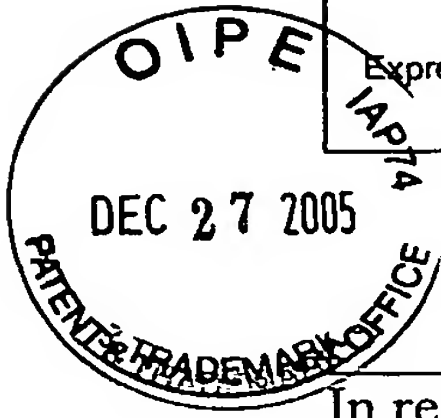


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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

A Request for Continued Examination pursuant to 37 CFR §1.114 is being filed concurrently with this amendment, along with a request for the appropriate extension of time and fee. Please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as set forth below. The claim amendments and accompanying remarks are responsive to the Final Office Action (dated June 28, 2005).

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.